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FOR THE UNITED STATES:

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"IN YOUR LETTER TO ME, YOU STATED THAT YOU HOPED THAT THE CONCEPT I PROPOSE WOULD "SOON BECOME A RELEVANT ITEM ON THE AGENDA OF THE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN DIALOGUE."

"KNOWING THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE AND COOPERATION WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS IS YOUR HIGHEST ASPIRATION, I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT YOU TAKE THE OCCASION OF YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO PROPOSE A PROGRAM OF ISRAELI TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO EGYPTIAN AGRICULTURE THAT COULD BEGIN ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AND NEED NOT AND SHOULD NOT AWAIT THE SETTLEMENT OF DIFFICULT ISSUES IN THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL FIELDS.

"THIS HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM COULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH UNITED STATES AND EGYPTIAN TECHNICIANS WHO ARE ALREADY WORKING TOGETHER UNDER THE TITLE XII FAMINE PREVENTION PROGRAM OF THE U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT.

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